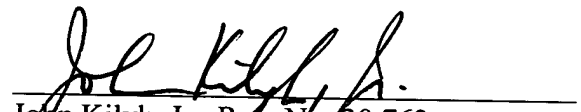
*REMARKS*

This patent application is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/807,784, which has been allowed, and which was the subject of a restriction requirement. By way of the cancellation of originally filed claims 1-29 and the addition of new claims 30-41, applicants are pursuing the previously unelected subject matter of Group III as set out in the restriction requirement in the parent application (see Office Action dated September 27, 2003, in parent application). The new claims are supported by the specification (see, e.g., pages 12-13) and the originally filed claims. In addition, the title has been amended so as to be more consistent with U.S. patent practice, and the parentage of this patent application has been recited in the specification. No new matter has been added by way of the amendments set forth herein.

The application is considered in good and proper form for allowance, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

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